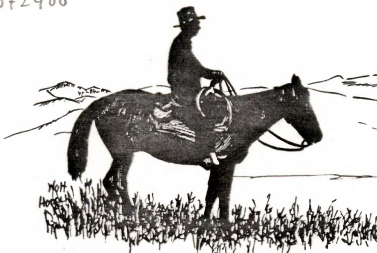


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WHAT PRICE SAFETY?

Duty and responsibility were chucked aside and gaiety and conviviality replaced good judgment and common sense when two CCC foremen misused their authority and persuaded a youthful enrollee under their supervision to join them on a pleasure trip, A.W.O.L.

The "pleasure trip" soon turned into a "beer-drinking spree" and it was late afternoon before the trio started back to camp. Their vision was dimmed, their senses dulled, and before they were well on their way, the escapade was brought to a sudden halt and the car in which they were riding became master of the situation, hurtling off the road and depositing its occupants in a broken and painful heap after several devastating and breath-taking turnovers. One of the foremen was seriously hurt, the other comparatively unscathed. It was the innocent one of the three -- the enrollee -- who was painfully and fatally injured.

All this because two so-called "superior officers", who had been favored with an assignment to help direct and mold the lives and characters of part of the unfortunate youth of their country, so miserably neglected their duty and responsibility.

Such a catastrophe tragically impresses upon us the need for full realization of the purpose and necessity for SAFETY -- first, last and always! This is why safety rules and regulations must be made -- it is why they must be carefully and religiously observed.

What price safety? Both foremen have been separated from the Service with prejudice -- small penalty for the havoc wrought by their foolish act!

S A F E T Y F I R S T !

Stop, Look and Listen!  
Accidents are Preventable!  
First Aid May Save a Life!  
Every Day in Every Way be Careful!  
Think Before you Act!  
Youth Must be Cautioned!

Fire — the Demon of Conservation!  
Is your Job Safe? Inspection Pays!  
Reckless Drivers are a Menace!  
Safety is Freedom from Danger!  
Think this over and Remember it!

(Thanks to Mark Harris, G-124)

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Director Rutledge and Mr. E. N. Kavanagh left Washington on November 27, to attend the regional grazier conference at Salt Lake City. Following this, they will attend additional conferences at other places in the West. They expect to return to Washington on or about December 20.

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Assistant Chief of Range Improvements, Mr. Charles C. Heltman, returned to the Washington office on November 24, following an extended field inspection trip. "Chick" reports a fine trip, and judging from his hale and hearty appearance and good spirits, we believe him! We note, however, that the gray hat he was wearing when he left Washington has taken on the lovely dark hue of the good old western pine — it's green!

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Recent office visitors were Mr. W. B. Wright, President of the Nevada Cattle Growers Association, Deeth, Nevada; Mr. C. L. Jamison, Secretary of the Cattle and Horse Raisers Association of Oregon, Canyon City, Oregon; Mr. John Arnold, President of the Montana Stock Growers Association, Burney, Montana; and Mr. Arthur D. Moir of the Wildlife and Range Management Branch of the United States Forest Service, Denver, Colorado.

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Congratulations! to region ten, on WYC, the "word from Wyoming" in the form of a fine, first edition of their news sheet. It's as good as a nice fireside chat, and certainly calls for more!

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DIXIE VALLEY RESERVOIR NO. 1

Between the Clan Alpine Range and the Stillwater Range there is a long, fertile valley known as "Dixie Valley", located approximately five miles from camp G-124, Westgate, Nevada.

Dixie Valley is one of the rich range areas that is now being developed by the Grazing Service so that the natural forage may be utilized in the most efficient manner. Abundant feed is available but until now much of it has gone to waste because of lack of water.

Dixie Valley Reservoir No. 1 is located in the upper end of Dixie Valley, seven miles from where the road leaves Highway No. 50. The purpose of this reservoir is to conserve the flood waters and store them for stock grazing in the large adjacent sand-grass area.

In the final location advantage was taken of the natural topography of the land which was surveyed by Engineer Mark Harris. The determining factor in the location of the site was the need of water so that stock could benefit throughout the season from feed on approximately 40,000 acres of excellent sand grass.

The reservoir was constructed under the supervision of Superintendent Fred Pine. It is an earth-fill dam, with a clay core. The upstream side is riprapped, and free-board of six feet is provided to offset wave and frost action and insure against flood waters overtopping the structure. On the downstream side, rock ribs are spaced with eight-foot centers to prevent erosion. Spillway capacity is designed to pass 520 second-feet of water which is ample to take care of flood conditions. The storage capacity of the reservoir is 32 acre-feet.

Although the reservoir is not yet completed, it is a pleasure to see the smiles on the faces of Superintendent Pine and Engineer Harris, for the reservoir has already stored sufficient water to take care of the 150 head of stock already turned into the area to graze, throughout the year. Foreman Charles Joyce has been in charge of this project and has done a very credible job.

Camp G-124 is located on the old Pony Express Trail and on the first telegraph line to cross the United States.

--Henry Prager, Asst. Safety-Instructor

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To the 4604th company at camp G-96, Bruneau Hot Springs, Bruneau, Idaho, we say "Thanks" for the picture of the camp and personnel! It is getting a nice frame and a place of honor in the Washington office.

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New Mexico Grazing District No. 7 Elects Board

On November 18 eight district advisors were elected to represent the 1,010 Indian and 150 non-Indian range users of the three and a half million acres of range land adjacent to the Navajo Indian Reservation which comprise New Mexico District No. 7, established on September 1.

In line with the special rules set down by the Secretary of the Interior in order that tribal interests in this area might be safeguarded, there were elected to serve on the advisory board four Indian and four non-Indian stockmen.

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G-80 is Host

Project Superintendent Livoda was host to the Editor of "The Jackson County Star" a few weeks ago on a tour of the projects constructed by G-80, Walden, Colorado. The tour was indicative of what one might expect to find at Grazing Service CCC camps throughout the ten "public-land States". The party saw fences and truck trails that were built by the camp; they saw spring development, range revegetation, reservoir construction, rodent control work, et cetera. We quote the Editor: "When one really looks into their (CCC's) accomplishments, as the writer did, it is really amazing as to their accomplishments."

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We hear that Mr. Nelse Holmberg is quite a musician -- a one-man band, in fact! We say that is QUITE a musician!

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Mr. Heltman discovered that rules and regulations apply to "Keep Off the Grass" signs, as well as to keeping camp records! Ask him about it sometime.

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FARMER IN TOWN vs. HUNTER ON THE FARM

(Sportsmen who respect landowner's rights are seldom refused hunting privilege.)

FARMER JOHN DOE goes to town to sell his produce, to purchase his weekly supply of groceries, and to get additional farm implements. The following happenings greet him. They are the normal procedure of city life, but compare them a little later to the things which the sportsman expects of the farmer during the hunting season.

1. He sees "No Parking" or "Half Hour Parking" signs everywhere.

Result: Farmer John Doe drives over to the vacant lot and Hunting Season Friend, D. M. Goodshot, collects 25 cents for parking permission for three hours.

2. He meets a group of friends, talks for a while, and later goes to the office of a Notary Public.

Result: The Notary Public, a hunting season friend for the past three years, charges him the customary fee for notarizing a paper, despite the fact that on numerous occasions he secured the bag limit of game on the Doe farm.

3. He purchases his groceries at Hunting Season Friend, I. Sellum Cheap's store on credit.

Result: He has to pay the carrying charges, and other innumerable costs, although he would sell his wheat the next week and could pay the bill then.

4. He gets a haircut from another Hunting Season Friend, I. Clippum, and meets some more friends there.

Result: He pays for services rendered and notes a large prominent sign which reads, "No Loafing -- This is a place of business."

5. As most of his business in town is finished, Farmer John Doe goes to a place of amusement and meets Hunting Season Friend, I. M. Tight, manager.

Result: He pays 35 cents for a ticket, sees the show, and remembers that Mr. I. M. Tight said last fall that he hunted for amusement rather than for the meat.

6. Farmer John Doe starts for home, but his car fails to run properly; therefore he has Hunting Season Friend, I. Fixum, mechanic, to work on his car for a few minutes.

Result: He pays 75 cents for services rendered.

The list of courtesies that could have been shown Mr. Doe for the hunting privileges on his farm could go on until far into the night, but none of them were shown him.

WE HAVE SEEN how Mr. Doe fared in town so now let us see how he gets along on his farm when Mr. D. M. Goodshot comes out to the farm during the hunting season.

1. Mr. Goodshot started hunting in the pasture and failed to close the gate securely.

Result: The cattle got out and grazed on frosted clover which meant a veterinary's bill or the probable loss of one or more cattle.

2. Mr. Goodshot flushed a covey of quail which flew towards the thicket which was between Mr. Goodshot and John Doe's house.

Result: One or more loads of No. 8 shot rained on the tin roof. Since Mrs. Doe already has a weak heart from overwork, the raining of shot on the roof doesn't help her in the least.

3. Mr. Goodshot goes directly to another covey by crossing a wheat field which is so wet that he gets mired past his ankles.

Result: Loss of stand of wheat wherever Mr. Goodshot mired up and if heavy winter rains do not come, Mr. Goodshot's tracks can be picked up for months afterward.

4. Mr. Goodshot decides to drive his car to the far side of the farm to save time and walking.

Result: He gets his car stuck in the mud and Mr. Doe has to get his team and pull the car out of the mud hole, but breaks a trace chain and single-tree in doing so. The only pay that Mr. Doe receives for this service is, "thanks".

5. Mr. Goodshot cuts two small well-shaped cedar trees for Christmas trees for the kiddies at home.

Result: Mr. Doe loses two or more fence posts, or he loses two 50-cent Christmas trees that he could have sold in town the next week.

Mr. Goodshot leaves Mr. Doe's farm with a very good bag of game, in fact, it is an excellent bag of game considering the investment which Mr. Goodshot has made in producing and protecting wildlife: Mr. Goodshot's investment is one hunting license, the cost of which probably would not purchase one live native bobwhite quail. Mr. Goodshot left without even offering Mr. or Mrs. Doe any of the game taken from their farm.

GRAND TOTAL RESULT: Mr. Doe posts his farm against hunting and very reluctantly allows a very few of his closest and best friends to hunt once in a long while, and at the same time loses interest in increasing game on his farm.



MORAL: If you plan to hunt in years to come, why not work out a better understanding with farmers and respect their property rights in the same way that you expect yours to be respected?

(From North Carolina Wildlife Conservation)

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#### GRAZADE

A "Grazade" party like that recently held in region eight sounds like a wonderful idea, especially sans dignities AND hats!

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#### EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

Mr. D. D. McKay, Chief Safety-Instructor, and his assistants Henry Prager, Paul R. Revis and D. D. Bromley, attended the Ninth Corps Area Educational Conference at San Francisco on November 1 to 3. While at The Presidio, we are told, they were fortunate in being able to witness the 30th Infantry, 6th Brigade, 3rd Division, pass in review.

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DO YOU KNOW that 684,406 rods of fence line were constructed by Grazing Service CCC camps during the four fiscal years ending June 30, 1939?

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#### SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT!

In United States v. North American Commercial Company 74 Fed. 145, 149, it was held that where a contractor reposes upon the good faith or discretion of some public officer representing the Government there is an implied obligation upon the officer that he will not act arbitrarily or capriciously but will exercise an honest judgment and that "The party who has agreed to be bound by that judgment is entitled to have it exercised in good faith by the officer nominated \*\*\*"

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The Theme Song of the safe driver: "Heaven can wait!"

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